

MAYOR...

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wish to do. I move that Mr. Al Isen be made mayor."

Drale's motion was instantly seconded by Councilman Victor Benstead and concurred in by Councilmen Mervin Schwab and Albert Isen.

Councilman Willys Blount stated that he does "not care to vote."

Blount Praises Drale

Blount, however, was the first to praise Drale's term in office. "Nick Drale and I have butted heads on many, many problems," Blount began. "We have never been on the same side of the political fence."

"Nick earned his job by getting the majority of the council on his side. He did an outstanding job as mayor this year. I would like to have the council do something unanimous and go on record to this effect."

Newly elected Mayor Albert Isen then assumed his new post.

New Mayor Speaks

In a quiet voice which frequently trembled with emotion Isen stated:

"I know it's late and I won't say very much. Nick's accomplishments chart a course for all of us to follow. I hope that the friendship that has existed (among the councilmen) will continue."

"What Mr. Blount said is in order. The first thing we think of is that Nick's term has been non-political."

Achievements Noted

"A list of his achievements includes: 1) fire station, parks, and playgrounds; 2) a new civic center; 3) to a great extent solving and even eliminating the downtown parking problem; 4) providing for metropolitan shopping center on the airport; 5) establishing an airport commission; 6) reorganizing the building department to a high degree of efficiency; 7) seeing that the city government kept up with the tremendous growth."

"The city and his colleagues recognize that this was all due to Nick's leadership and ability."

"I hope we'll keep on going and follow through with this policy. I accept this high honor with great humility and pledge to do my best."

The dramatic transfer took place before a handful of spectators sitting tensely in the audience.

Drale, who has been mayor one year, has been on the council five years. He still has another year which he will serve out.

Prior to Drale's term in office as mayor, the post was held by Councilman Mervin Schwab, who has been on the council since 1952 and whose term expires next year, together with Drale's.

Councilman Blount, outside of Benstead who declined to serve as mayor, is the only one who has not held that post now. He has been on the council since 1950, having been re-elected in 1954.

Isen was elected to the council last year. He is a local attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd K. Gibson, of 1718 Harriman Ln. announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Lee, weighing 9 pounds and 10 ounces.

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ANNEXATION...

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tion bearing on the annexation issue.

While PV City Clerk William Platt was tight-lipped about the specific nature of the resolution, indications were that it is meant to block the latest move by Great Lakes.

The basic issue at stake in the whole annexation controversy is that of minimum lot sizes. Torrance is willing to accept a 7000 sq. ft. minimum. Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes residents want to see a 20,000 sq. ft. minimum.

Last week's move by Great Lakes calls for the annexation of the 6500 acres as inhabited rather than uninhabited territory as was formerly the case. This means that the issue would be placed before the 19 registered voters now residing in the area or any new voters which would move into the area.

A new boundary map was also prepared which completely eliminates and thus ignores a few parcels of land proposed for annexation to Palos Verdes by forces opposing the Torrance annexation.

The parcels were offered to Palos Verdes by Cmdr. Joseph Chadwick, owner of the Chadwick School.

The newest Great Lakes boundary map now includes the Chadwick School which would become part of Torrance if the annexation goes through. The school had not been included prior to Chadwick's move.

PV "Mystery Move"

The only thing that City Clerk Platt would say about PV's "mystery move" Tuesday night was that the resolution called for the "annexation of another stretch of land which is part of the uninhabited territory owned by Great Lakes."

He would not explain whether this "stretch of land" would cut Torrance off from the Great Lakes territory and thus make annexation impossible if PV's move succeeds.

"I am not a lawyer and I can't tell you what area is involved," Platt told a Torrance Press reporter. "There are three pages of legal description involved."

Great Lakes officials were caught off guard by the Palos Verdes move, just as Palos Verdes had been caught off guard by the Great Lakes move a week before.

"I haven't heard a thing about it," David Evans, attorney for Great Lakes said. "But I don't know off-hand what they could do now to stop us."

New Method

The latest Great Lakes move calls for circulating annexation petitions among the 19 or more residents residing in the 6500 acres.

Great Lakes has three weeks to do so and must gain the signatures of at least 25 per cent of the registered voters.

The Torrance City Council, upon receipt of this petition, may call an election to be held at least 50 days later. A public hearing must be held prior to that.

A majority of voters in the area to be annexed would have to approve annexing to Torrance. The whole procedure might take about six months.

The remote possibility of dropping this procedure and going back to the "uninhabited route" was mentioned by Ivar Hanson, general manager of Palos Verdes Properties, subsidiary of Great Lakes.

This would be possible if Chadwick dropped his original petition for annexation to Palos Verdes and it would then exclude his school from annexing to Torrance.

Chadwick said Tuesday that he had not been contacted yet concerning this matter.

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Girl Scouts At Glendora Overnight

An overnight campout is being enjoyed today by the junior high Girl Scouts of Troop 1293 and the seniors of Troop 1277, as they left Torrance yesterday afternoon (April 6) at 2 p.m. for the Glendora Girl Scout Camp.

Accompanying the girls were Mrs. E. C. Osterlind, leader of Troop 1293; Mrs. Basil Ball, leader of Troop 1277; and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, 1293 Troop committee chairman and camp consultant.

The girls planned, purchased, and cooked the provisions taken to the primitive campsite. While at the site, located in the foothills between Glendora and Azusa, the girls slept on the ground in sleeping bags, enjoyed hiking and exploring, and learned how to pitch tents. Due to return this afternoon,

Navy Honors Hollisters At Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollister of Torrance recently attended a special shipboard reception at San Diego in honor of Hollister's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Hollister of Excelsior, Minn., who have been visiting with them.

The Howard Hollisters, for

Thursday, April 7, are Judy Matoyasu, Joan Beckhan, Joanne Augustyn, Jean Wagner, Janice Jackson, Joan Max, Pauline Yuasa, Diane Hodges, Rosemary Streetmaker, and Linda Lewis.

More are Carla Osterlind, Diana Standly, Sandra Thomas, Jean Sorrell, Patsy Lewis, Jocelyn Green, Fay Amundsen, and Yvonne Turbay.

Welfare Group To Meet

The 31st annual meeting of the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles area, including the Harbor, will be held in the Golden State Room of the Statler Hotel at noon, Wednesday, April 27, it was announced today by Alex Bero, chairman of the Harbor area board.

whose three sons the destroyer USS Hollister is named, were guests aboard the ship docked at San Diego Naval Base.

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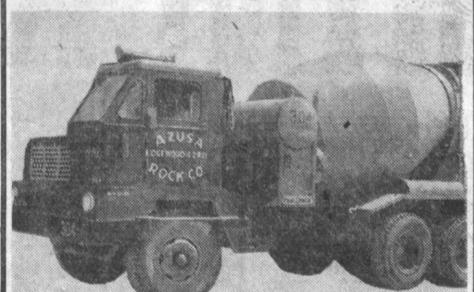
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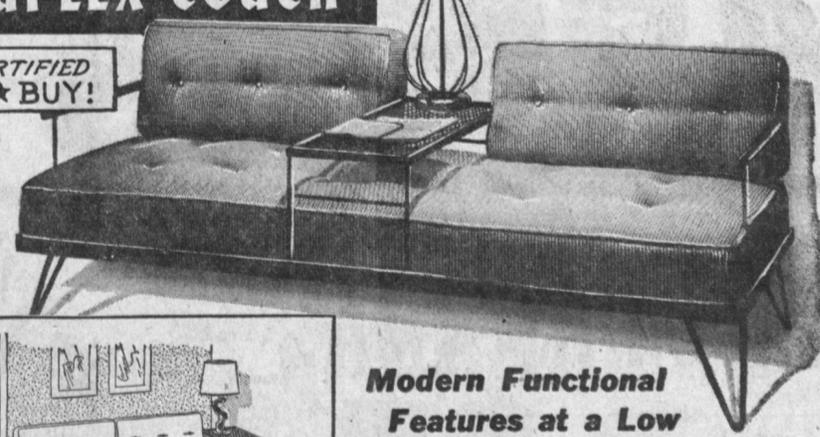
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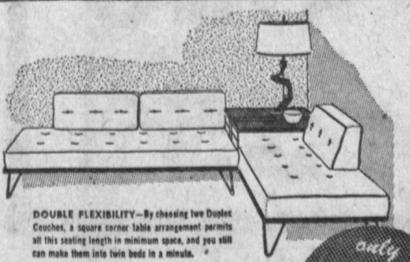
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